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To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: Public Corruption Unit

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Closed) - 12

Title: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston et al
CSLPO
Boston

Synopsis: Public corruption case closed at Boston Division.

Enclosures: One (1) original and one (1) copy of LHM dated 9/17/03.

Details: Boston Division has closed the above titled public corruption case. Enclosed for PCU review is the closing LHM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, MA 02108
September 17, 2003

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials

This case has been closed. The case was predicated upon information from the Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications [redacted]

[redacted] The conversation was part of the televised program "24/7" which aired the evening of June 11, 2002. In the segment in question, the Mayor threatened the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donated \$25,000 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts.

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During the course of their conversation, Menino threatened to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT&T, a Sprint competitor, because AT&T is sponsoring a summer youth [redacted] Sprint has done nothing. [redacted]

[redacted] is present in the segment and is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [redacted] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated the case had prosecutive merit. The United States Attorneys Office advised that if the apparent facts were shown to be true to case would be prosecuted.

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Investigation was initiated, interview conducted, and documents obtained. Documents reviewed included City of Boston contracts; Sprint Telecommunications contract with the City of Boston and AT&T contracts with the City of Boston. Upon review of the evidence available, AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution of this matter. This matter will be reopened should sufficient information be developed that substantiates the allegations regarding Mayor Menino.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 194B-BS-90361

One Center Plaza
Boston, MA 02108
617-742-5533
September 17, 2003

Attention: Michael J. Sullivan
United States Attorney
One Courthouse Way, Suite 9200
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Attention: [REDACTED]
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston

[REDACTED], City of Boston
[REDACTED]
Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim)
CSLPO

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Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] The purpose of this letter is to confirm AUSA [REDACTED]
decision to decline prosecution of an investigation [REDACTED]
concerning the allegation that captioned Mayor Menino and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were responsible for the attempted [REDACTED]
corruption of captioned victim, [REDACTED]

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AUSA [REDACTED] was advised of the following information
[REDACTED] regarding the above referenced investigation by Special Agent [REDACTED]
on June 11, 2002. The case was predicated upon a [REDACTED]
Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the [REDACTED]
appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with [REDACTED]
Sprint Telecommunications [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The [REDACTED]
conversation was part of the television program "24/7" which was [REDACTED]
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city contract unless the firm donated \$25,000 to the mayoral [REDACTED]
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Investigation was initiated, interviews conducted and documents obtained and reviewed. Upon review of the evidence available AUSA [REDACTED] declined prosecution of this matter.

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Accordingly, no further investigation will be conducted by the FBI.

Sincerely,

KENNETH W. KAISER
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent

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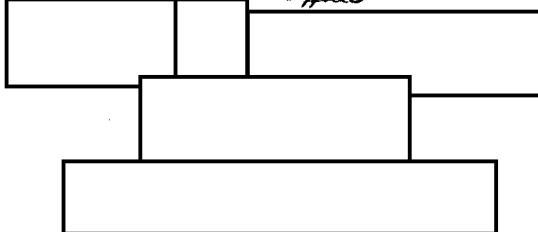
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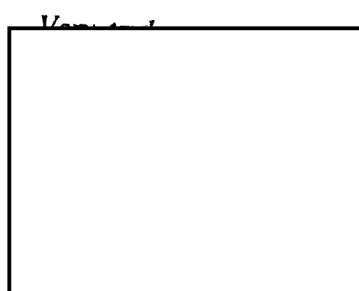
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Dear [redacted]

Please be advised that I represent [redacted] insofar as your interest is in speaking with him. I am prepared to meet with you and submit to an interview under appropriate conditions as soon as possible. Pursuant to our conversation this interview will take place at [redacted] on [redacted]

Thank you for your cooperation and professionalism.



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cc: [redacted] AUSA
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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

September 12, 2002

THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO

Captioned individual, who you advised was born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, and holds SSAN: 023-32-0267, is the subject of an ongoing Corruption of State and Local Public Official investigation initiated in June 2002 by the FBI. Attached is a FBI memorandum and four newspaper articles which contains the results of this investigation.

FBI files, records of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

This communication has been cleared by the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice.

Enclosures (5)



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, MA 02108
June 11, 2002

Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

[REDACTED] City of Boston;

Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;
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This case was predicated on a June 11, 2002 Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Thomas Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications' [REDACTED]. The conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [REDACTED] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and conduct the appropriate investigation.

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The following biographical information is provided for Menino.

Name: Thomas M. Menino
Address: 102 Chesterfield Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Date of Birth: 12/27/42
Social Security Number: 023-32-0267

NEED TO DO MORE probe of corruption

By Anthony Flint
GLOBE STAFF

Community activists called for a federal investigation yesterday of "corruption" in the administration of Mayor Thomas M. Menino after learning of campaign contributions by individuals linked to a developer with a major project before city regulators.

The contributions were made last year in a process known as "bundling" by several individuals associated with Millennium Partners of New York, which is building a multi-use complex in Chinatown and proposing a 53-story tower and complex over the Massachusetts Turnpike at Massachusetts Avenue.

About \$16,000 in contributions flowed into Menino's campaign chest while Millennium had business before the city, according to a review of campaign records published yesterday in The Boston Herald. The Fenway Action Coalition, a group of residents opposed to the Millennium project over the turnpike and plans for a new Fenway Park as well, called on US Attorney Donald Stern to open an investigation.

"The chaotic transformation of Boston into a hodge-podge of massive structures, malls, and hotels is determined entirely on the basis of influence peddling," said Robert Foisie, a member of the group.

"It's all a matter of hiring Menino pals as consultants and plunking down bribes through shadowed channels," said Peter Catalano, another member, who said Menino was engaging in "honey graft" and "crony capitalism."

Menino declined to be interviewed. But Peter Welsh, a top aide to Menino, dismissed the Fenway Action Coalition, by saying, "There are more pages in their press release than people in their group."

Asked whether Menino could be a credible defender of resi-

The contributions were made in a process known as "bundling" by individuals associated with Millennium Partners of New York

campaign contributions and still put developers through a rigorous process? Of course. We've done it in every project in this city. The mayor doesn't interfere in the process."

Menino is on record as being opposed to the 69-story tower over the turnpike as currently proposed, Welsh said.

Menino and his associates have ties to Millennium and other major developers, however. Connie Martelak, wife of Menino's top political adviser, Edward Messer, has been hired as a strategist for Millennium. Robert F. Walsh, the mayor's close friend and former director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, is in charge of the new Red Sox stadium project and has hired recently departed Menino aide Joseph Fisher.

Catalano said the combination of the campaign contributions and the "revolving door" of Menino associates working for developers warranted scrutiny by outside investigators.

With billions in real estate deals in the pipeline for Boston, Menino has been criticized by political opponents for being too pro-development. In recent weeks, however, he has sought to portray himself as on the side of worried residents, opposing "air rights" development over the

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Fraud charges no obstacle

By JONATHAN WELLS
BOSTON HERALD
and JACK MURRAY

Vincent Mariano's run of success as a preferred developer of urban city land began while he was under the cloud of a federal indictment charging him with fraud in connection with a real estate project.

In the early 1990s, Mariano's financial and legal prospects plummeted when his poor urban development project — the 10-unit Dale Village condo complex in Roslindale — nearly collapsed under the weight of a series of mortgage foreclosures.

To make matters worse, in 1994, Mariano and five others involved in the Dale Village project, were indicted on federal conspiracy and mail fraud charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office accused Mariano and the other defendants of "defrauding GM Corp., Mortgage Inc. of Missouri by inducing condominium buyers to end mortgages at lower payments than they could legally be liable."

The "bills" second mortgages were provided by two Maine companies, Acme Realty Trust and Acme Finance Corp., and allowed the buyers "to qualify for mortgages they otherwise would have been unable to obtain from the lenders," the indictment charged.

Several City Hall sources said then Mayor Thomas N. Menino, whom he was a city councilor, was instrumental in getting government approvals for Mariano's Dale Village project. "Menino bent some business rules to get Mariano the permits," said one source.

The Dale Village fraud case went to trial in January 1996, but ended abruptly on the third day of testimony when U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro granted motions of acquittal for Mariano and the other remaining defendants.

One juror recalled that the former prosecutor, Nedra Pellegrini, appeared flustered when Tauro threw out the case self-trial through a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Pellegrini refused to discuss the Symbion case.

While Mariano was awaiting trial in the fall of 1995, one of his partners, Michael F. Morley, was selected by the Boston administration to receive the first 10 of the 17



VINCENT MARINO: Mariano, author of his own Roslindale, sources say Mayor Thomas M. Menino helped Mariano obtain permits for his Dale Village condo complex. Below: At the center of a fraud indictment.

units of city land Mariano and his associates would get over the next six years.

In May 1996, a few months after Mariano was acquitted of mortgage fraud, the city sold the 10 parcels of land in Roslindale to Morley for \$10,000. Two months later, Morley sold the land for less than \$100 to a trust in the name of Michael

Murphy, Elizabeth.

Over the next year, Mariano built seven houses on the land which he sold for a total of more than \$11 million. His estimated profit on the deal exceeded \$500,000, according to documents reviewed by the Herald.

After that, Mariano continued to be selected by the city to develop

its surplus lots and piled up profits of approximately \$25 million in the deals, records show.

The various trusts and limited partnerships Mariano used to develop his city lots were all run out of the same second-floor office over his bar, the Roslindale Pub on Washington Street in Roslindale.

That was also the place of Mariano's home street, which dated back to the 1930s, but were gone by the 1994 indictment.

Linda McGaugh, the now Acme Realty Trust, was Mariano's lawyer and later acquitted with him in the Dale Village case. McGaugh, Mariano's lawyer, has been a integral part of Mariano's campaign and in the same street as the in Hyde Park.

Another person indicted Mariano in 1994 was Charles Rotella, a real estate broker who at the time was a co-owner of Dale Village.

Marolana, 62, of Roslindale, criminal record and has a noted will organized crime, according to court records in federal court, arrested with others in the drug charges when state police broke up an extensive and sprawling ring in a southern suburb.

The police search, overseen by Norfolk County District Attorney William Keating, \$600,000 in cash and more pounds of marijuana, suspended quantities of meth, steroids and cocaine.

Marolana's arrest came at the time in April in the federal trial of former Boston police officer Michael Fanone.

William St. Croix, a nephew and the son of W.A. Gang's son Stephen "The Gang" Flanagan, testified a spot time with him during mid-1990s and described his "sister" and a "niece" st.

He said specifically he to be a member of the W.A. Gang. St. Croix said of his

According to St. Croix, he paid him a total of \$10,000 for "six" two criminal cases against him.

St. Croix told the FBI nothing more.

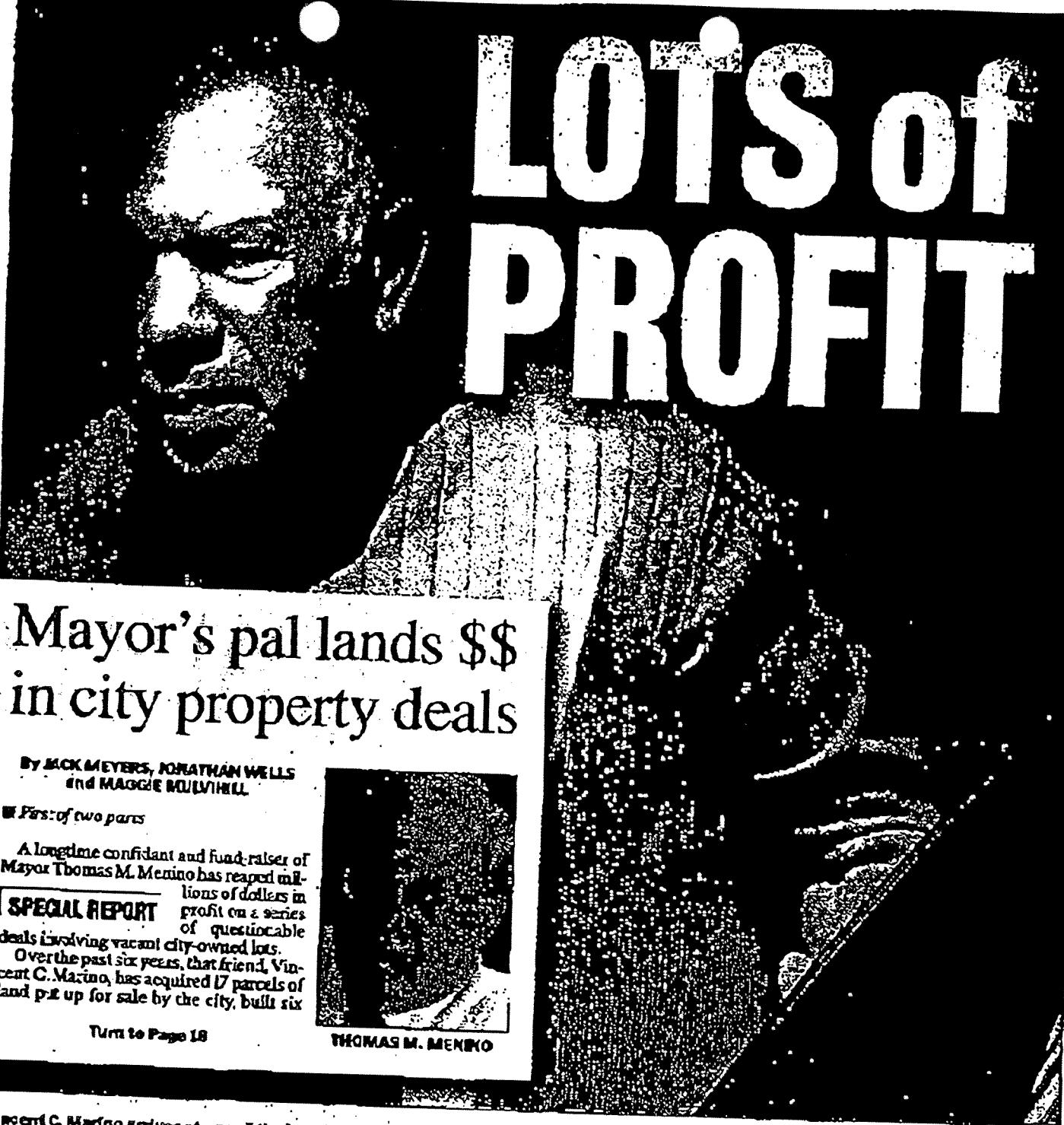
Later, when Marolana was questioned that he was police surveillance, St. Croix to check his gun to hidden listening devices.

St. Croix placed cameras around Marolana's home "shop" it with a social life. When he showed Marolana "bargain" he had found, he paid St. Croix \$10,000 for services.

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LOTS OF PROFIT



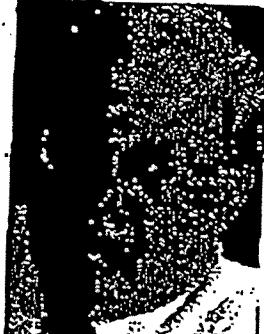
Mayor's pal lands \$\$ in city property deals

By JACK MEYERS, JONATHAN WELLS
and MAGGIE BOULVILL

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A longtime confidant and fund-raiser of Mayor Thomas M. Menino has reaped millions of dollars in profit on a series of questionable deals involving vacant city-owned lots.

SPECIAL REPORT Over the past six years, that friend, Vincent C. Marino, has acquired 17 parcels of land put up for sale by the city, built six



THOMAS M. MENINO

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Vincent C. Marino arrives at one of the bars he owns — the Roslindale Pub on Washington Street in Roslindale —

STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN WISNIEWSKI

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Longtime pal nets \$2.5M developing vacant lots

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residential project and named a small armful of city officials.

The city's own records show that administration officials beat the rush to resell properties to the contractor put in two bidders. Marino was selected by the city over bought out of the other bidder offered more money for the land.

In another case, the Marino administration gave the right to explicitly favor a business partner of Marino who won the bidding, purchased the city land for \$30,000 and then promptly transferred it to Marino's wife for less than \$100.

Since Marino became mayor in 1993, Marino "gets whatever he wants," from City Hall, said a former Marino administration source. Who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Members of Marino's inner circle at City Hall have known for years of the mayor's close relationship with Marino, which dates back three decades. Marino has been both a friend and mentor and a productive fundraiser for the mayor. For years, the two men took daily morning walks together.

"You don't find two people who are closer," said one source who has known both men over the years.

Marino's office in Boston has long had a reputation in some circles as being something like the line between the legitimate business world and the underworld.

And that notoriety is well-founded. A Florida investigation has found since the 1990s, Marino has been associated with — and to some extent in business with — loan sharks, bookmakers and organized crime figures according to law enforcement officials, law enforcement reports and court records.

Marino himself was identified by organized crime investigators to the FBI as a member of one of Boston's most notorious criminal organizations.

As recently as two years ago, state and federal investigators disclosed some of Marino's closest associates in an illegal gambling probe that resulted in legal trouble.

While Marino's ties to organized crime figures have remained largely unknown for the last 15 years or so, his longstanding family connection to Marino



VILLIFIED FRIENDSHIP: Duxbury alderman Yannick Mariano, left, and Mayor Thomas M. Marino, right, have been friends since the 1970s. Marino has made millions buying and developing vacant city lots over the past six years. Developers competing with Marino to acquire city property question the fairness of the bid process.

Buyer beware when Marino loses bid

Yannick C. Mariano has usually gotten what he wants at City Hall, except on one particular day last year when the city rejected a bundle of several bids for 16 city lots submitted by Mariano and his partner.

In each case, the offer submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development by Mariano and his partner, David Anthony, were far below the city's minimum bid price.

Records available in 14 of those bids show that Mariano and Anthony offered a total of only \$34,000 for land with minimum bid prices totaling \$60,000.

All of the bids were submitted on the same day in January 2001 and rejected by the city on the same

day three weeks later.

According to city records, however, none of the other bidders has been able to buy those lots either. City officials said sales are pending on two of the lots but some of them did actually sell in 2001 or last week.

The case of 43-57 North Road in Duxbury is typical. Anthony offered only \$3,000 for land which had a minimum price of \$22,500. The winning bid is off the city's asking price and was selected to develop the lot, but more than a year later the lot has still not been sold. City officials say the designated buyer did not meet their design standards.

According to Boston's zoning, the neighborhood where this lot sits is the Duxbury Beach area. It is a Gold Coast community and used to be a successful career as a professional fighter.

After he retired from the ring, he embarked on a second career as a restaurateur and restaurateur. He purchased the Roxbury Park on Washington Street in 1987 and later opened the Roxbury and the Roxbury Inn in

New Mariano enjoys the trapping of a wealthy man. He gave up his life-long residency in Fort Lauderdale in the early 1990s to move into a secluded Italian-style villa in Duxbury worth over \$1 million.

Marino's holdings currently include more than \$3 million worth of real estate in Massachusetts and Florida and three bars — the Roxbury Park and Roxbury Garden in Duxbury and the Roxbury Inn in

Quincy, Conn., to Marino's delight over the years. He also serves as a director on the board of the City's Neighborhood Development Program, a former Marino program aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods throughout the city.

In a telephone interview yesterday, the mayor acknowledged and Mariano have been friends for 20, 25 years, and that Mariano is married to his wife.

Marino denied, however, that their long friendship has led him to make deals with the city.

"I don't think it has at all,"

Marino said. "I've never been

engaged with the city agencies or

I've never asked them to do in

things for him. There's been a process and he's been able to go

with that process."

Marino said he is unaware of

what Marino has had to negotiate.

Marino declined to be interviewed by a written reporter.

"I would question his loyalty,"

Wall said. Mariano has been gone

from Marino for 25 years and former City Manager Tom Marino is retired to his son's wife. Wall said Marino has not benefited from his loyalties with the mayor.

Violent Marino does not believe

that his relationship with Tom Mc

ice has helped him acquire city li

sts for development," Wall wrote.

"In the contrary, he believes the n

instructors receive easier scrutiny,"

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tment and BRA Boston Residen

tial Authority. This may be

otherwise not true precisely because

he has been a friend and supporter

of Tom Marino."

Wall refused to say how far

Marino has reached out in

deals with the city. "Marion

money is made on the develop

ment of property," Violent Mariano

said. "He's not involved in the process."

He took this job in January 1999,

Ricchie said. "In the last three months,

he's been here for three years. I've worked

for the mayor, and once he (the mayor)

asked me to do anything

other than follow Chapter 33

(the bidding laws)," he said.

Between May 1996 and the spring, Marino developed 19 building units on the 17 lots he bought from the city. Those houses have together sold for \$3.5 million.

Based on project budgets, Marino and his partners submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development, building permit applications he filed with ISD, and the square-foot costs currently used

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bucks on city land deals

Cityland Development chose Carter Development, a Lowell co., to develop two small side-by-side lots on Cochran Street in Hyde Park.

Carter's proposal was to build six houses on the established lots. Edward P. O'Neill, president of Carter Development, told city officials at that time the site was not big enough for two houses, a standard school for the neighbors on Cochran Street. Records show Carter Development took title to the lots in July of 1998. One of Marino's partners was later immediately applying to sell his property. In October, Marino and a friend agreed to contact Carter looking to buy a 10-foot-wide slice of land next to the city's street 101 Cambridge, the property would be big enough to build six houses, instead of one.

O'Neill said he had no idea Marino was actively pursuing his own sale for the parcels. Shortly after Marino bought them from the city, "we must have been working behind the scenes," O'Neill said.

On Aug. 26, 1999, two days after Marino's lawyer contacted DDO and the parcels, city officials sent O'Neill threatening to take action against him for failing to pay construction bills he can't pay, as required by his purchase agreement. Within days, O'Neill left cut to Marino and Marino, along a small profit.

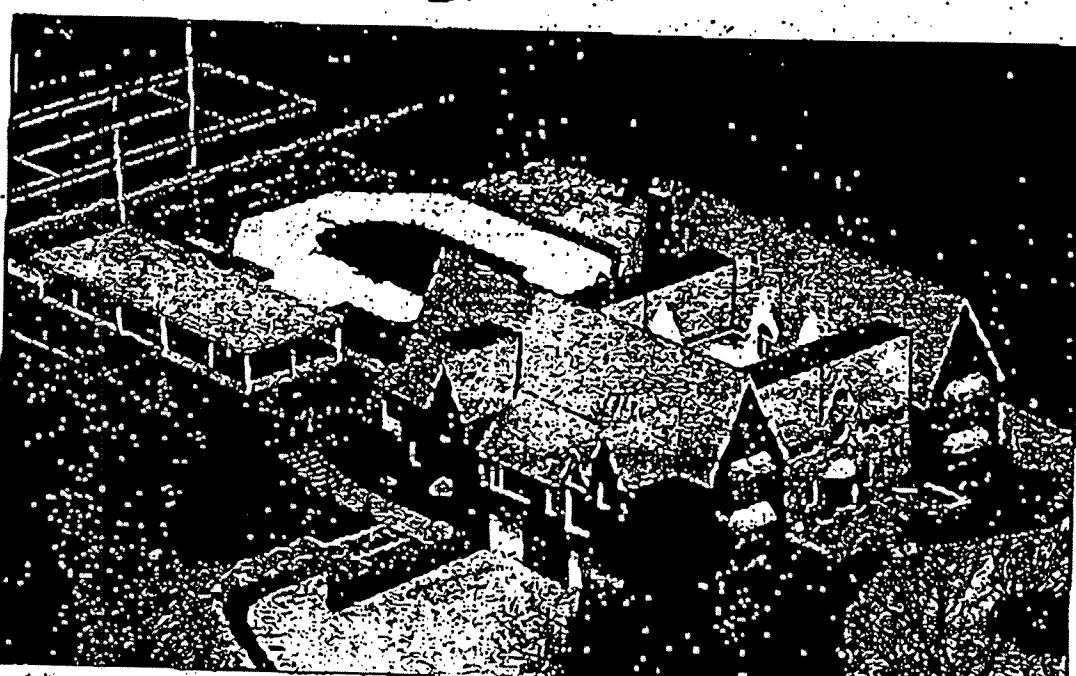
"The city 'offered me about \$600,'" said O'Neill, who initially met Marino about 6 p.m. ended up selling the property in order to concentrate on another project in the burbs.

City officials said that O'Neill should only "sell one house on the property." It was told the city couldn't back one house," O'Neill said.

The city's partners charged, however, that Marino bought the lots at O'Neill's insistence without asking a price. Marino got the license to develop the lots and then resold it to Marino's partners.

"That's a toxic run," he said. "Even the two houses together (\$1.05 million), O'Neill demanded a price. He probably asked \$1.5 million on that deal. That's a bad idea."

In early 1998, DDO offered a deal on Upton Street in Hyde Park for sale at a house lot for a asking price of \$10,000. The city received three bids (\$2,500) from a Norwell developer, (\$10,000) to a Boston builder and (\$5,000) to Marino. The city chose Marino. In addition, the city failed to co-



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILSON/MINER
Marino's Double Decker Inn, above, is worth well over \$1 million. The Edgewood Apartments residential and long-time friend of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino moved to the Tudor-style villa in the early 2000s.

Homes Sweet homes

Victor C. Marino, II, confident of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, has found extremely well-located property from the city of developing the lots and then reselling it.

ADDRESS	# LOTS PURCHASED	\$ PAID TO CITY	\$ HOME BUILT	SALE PRICE
Plumtree Road/ Green Avenue/ Cochran Street	10	\$50,000	1	\$112,500
15 Upton St.	1	\$5,000	1	\$112,500
99 Col. St.	1	\$2,500	2	\$129,500

Source: Boston City and county records



Menino became the "winning bidder," just a few weeks before the city decided to sell the lots.

Two months after the city sold the lots to Menino for \$50,000, Menino transferred them to a trust headed by Menino's wife, Elizabeth, for a nominal sum. (The deed states "less than \$100.")

At the same time, the Marino-controlled trust bought a small adjoining lot for \$10,000, then resold all the property lots and built seven houses, which were sold between 1998 and 1999 for \$126,500.

A controversy erupted to late 1999 over the city's sale of 99 Col. St. in Jamaica Plain to Marino and Menino.

Neighborhood leaders and housing groups protested that they were never told the lot was available for development, breaching a promise the Menino administration had made. They also said the city did not properly advertise the sale of the parcel, failing to put a legal notice in the community newspaper. Availability of the lot was after used in the Herald and the Sun.

Beaver Street was also put up for sale with an asking price of \$20,000. Because of that, the price offered documents outlined a starting \$15,000 for bidding bidders in which the lots was not the top criteria. A developer's financial filing for permits was intended for meeting

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Judge ruled. Closely watched and guilty of "reckless conduct" for intentionally hitting him, he got 10 years. The judge, Terrence J. Flynn, said about the pending indictment.

In May, Jones appealed Connolly's sentencing. Two weeks of obstruction of justice and one month of May is now under way.

The U.S. Attorney's office declined comment on the court's letter.

Connolly's defense team was unsuccessful yesterday. His attorneys last week filed a motion for acquittal citing the jury's "inconsistency" verdict.

U.S. Courthouse: Going at least eight years to prison under federal guidelines, a series of letters is arriving asking favors for leniency at sentencing on Sept. 12.

"I hope you can add it to your heart in the heat of the moment 'sentence possible,'" wrote Boston Globe sports columnist Bill McDermott, who has known Connolly, 41, 40 years. "All of us would be better served with John in our community rather than stuck

in a 'life-sentencing' single-life lock." McDermott defended Connolly as an agent last spring in his job and attempted to distance Connolly from the Bulger brothers — V. Stacey

and Edward. Connolly had been serving 10 years for his role in the Boston Police Department's "murderous" 1972 slaying of police officer James J. Fyler. He was sentenced to life in prison in 1984 for conduct before he disappeared.

Robert van Beekum, who was working at that time as an attorney and television commentator with "Boston," also in the community of Judge Michael Kuhl, wrote two columns Connolly spread far and wide about the incident.

John Weeks (6) full of bile. That is so why John would have gone to the store to tell him ... if John resented to his robbery he could have done it directly," McDermott said.

Another Connolly supporter is Sue Harrel, N.Y. attorney Alan Tishman, who said he has never met Connolly but has written several letters in support of the defendant to his sponsor, FBI Agent H. Paul Fine, who recommended Connolly as an informant to his office. Tishman also notes he has recommended World War II hero five years in the 1970s, a gambling organization connected with three auto dealers.

Investigations believe Harrel and Tishman profited from World War II and other underworld connections, Roger Toliver, United States Attorney, told

the court. "We have some very serious charges against Mr. Connolly," Toliver said.

'Operation Clean Streets' targets troubled Brockton neighborhoods

By DAVID YURIN

Brockton streets, which has also seen a recent surge in violence.

Mayor Jack Yurin promised more police in the neighborhoods and said he will ask BCPD to bring patrols back to the city at 100% full. State police recently patrolled downtown in the late 1990s, which many officials say helped slash the city's crime rate.

Officials are posting "no standing" signs in hopes of discouraging drug dealing and are considering increasing patrols in trouble spots. The city is also offering low-cost loans to build new owner-occupied homes on vacant lots, none of which have already been secured by developers, Yurin said.

In an effort to rid the hard-to-build neighborhood of blight, police with dogs sweep vacant lots for guns and drug paraphernalia while city crews clear debris and vegetation. In addition to the North Woods Avenue area, "Operation Clean Streets" is targeting the south side neighborhood of Calver and

"we're under the assumption that we would have to bear the cost of that," said Mortari.

In a letter to the city, Buckley cited the uncontrollably surrounding the cleanup costs as the reason for his low bid. He even proposed buying insurance to protect the city and himself from unexpected environmental costs.

Another bidder, Anthony Rossini of Duxbury, said the experience bid him with a higher total in his proposal.

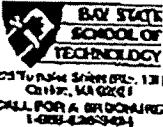
"I don't believe (the process) is fair. I think they've got it lined up for someone. I've bid on city jobs twice. I would never bid on city jobs again. It's a waste of my time and money," Rossini said in an interview.

DND officials: Barbara Sofi, and Lisa Stockey never returned calls or answered questions, respectively.

"No one recalled any information," Rossini said. "That's why I say it's a bag job."

Tomorrow: A look at Mortari's bid to organize crime in his sparsely populated area.

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Rivals question Marino's cozy land deals

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located Marino's company, Design Villas Limited Partnership, as the developer of 10-40 Morris St., a former public works depot in West Roxbury.

The project was appraised at \$600,000, assuming it would be subdivided into five to six acres lots. The highest bidder, Michael J. Marino of West Roxbury, who offered \$600,000, withdrew shortly after his bid was opened for unspecified reasons. He refused comment when reached by a Herald reporter.

Marino's bid of \$600,000 was the second-highest of the twelve submitted. But calling Marino's \$600,000 proposal the purchase price is misleading, because city officials spent about \$560,000 of its own money to clean up contaminated soil at the former DPW yard — a subsidy the other bidders were never told about.

In fact, the Mayor's administration made the decision to pay out all of the cleanup costs only after Marino was selected as the developer.

The city decided to pay nearly all of the cleanup costs for a former public works depot only after Marino was chosen as the developer.

But those supposed bonus savings DND officials did not know about. DND's environmental manager, Margaret Turner, is at AVE 21, 2000 Franklin Street, project manager for the cleanup across the street from Marino's former DPW site. She said she was surprised when she heard that he was a "clean site," and thought that was what the city was going to pay.

City officials defend the pre-existing site as being developed before the site would ever been cleaned up. The agency told the reporter.

had a deal with Marino.

"For us to clean like the [AVE 21] it would be more expensive and take more resources," said DND chief Vickie. Having the city help pay for the cleanup got Marino's bid, says Marino, a city that needs housing and is a community that can go with a Public Works depot for decades, she says.

She said reaching a deal with Marino had nothing to do with Marino's friendship with the mayor. However, other bidders' offers were lower, at least in part, because they did not have enough information to determine how expensive the cleanup were at the site or how much it would cost to clean up. Buying a former DPW depot and assuming the financial liability for its cleanup is risky.

David Bradley of Boston Affordable Housing, Inc., and Patrick Morris, a builder from Canton, each of whom submitted bids, said the city's request for proposals indicated the developer was responsible for cleaning up the site and so cost from the city and others relating to the contrary.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Menino's pal has longtime mob ties

By JONATHAN WELLS,
MAGGIE MULVIGHILL
and JACK MEYERS

■ Second of two parts

Vincent C. Marino, a confidant of Mayor Tom Menino who has made millions of dollars via a series of land deals with the city, has a criminal record and ties to organized crime figures that span 35 years.

Marino, 55, appears at first blush to be no more than a popular former prizefighter



MARINO

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Mayor's pal has mobster ties back to 1960s

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whose many years as a restaurateur and developer in the southern neighborhoods of the city have earned him the unofficial title of "mayor of Roslindale."

But closer scrutiny of Marino's record over the last four decades reveals evidence of illegal activities and criminal associations that raise questions about his status as a close friend and fund-raiser to the mayor.

A Herald investigation found that Marino's ties to organized crime figures started with a loan-sharking conviction in the 1960s and continues today as state and federal authorities are targeting some of Marino's longtime associates in an ongoing investigation.

The most revealing evidence of Marino's place in Boston's criminal underworld was found in confidential documents drafted in 1973 by a special organized crime task force that identified Marino as an operative in the notorious Winter Hill Gang.

Marino served directly under the gang's boss at the time, Howie Winter, according to the documents. Winter, a major crime boss until his imprisonment in 1979, was identified by investigators as "organized, crime, control" and Marino as "sub-control."

Marino and his Winter Hill crew operated out of his bar, Casa Beirut, on Washington Street in Roslindale, the documents state. The second-floor office above that bar, which is now called the Roslindale Pub, still serves as Marino's headquarters.

The Herald reported yesterday that Marino, who is a relative of the mayor's wife, has been remarkably successful in acquiring city-owned land since Marino became mayor in 1993.

Records show that in the last six years, Marino's purchase and redevelopment of 17 city-owned residential lots netted him and his partners an estimated \$2.5 million in profits.

And City Hall insiders said ...

They claimed the mayor's friend has received special treatment from city developmental agencies for years, dating back to Marino's 10 years as a district city councilor before he became mayor.

Marino and Marino's both acknowledged this week that they have had a long and close friendship, but denied it has played a role in Marino's string of profitable deals with City Hall.

Ongoing probe

In April 2002 when state police investigators busted up a major gambling ring operating in Boston's southern neighborhoods, south suburbs and an Cape Cod, they arrested three of Marino's closest associates.

According to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, the "person in charge" of the gambling network was Donald A. "Duke" Willis, 67, of Plymouth and Boynton Beach, Fla.

Willis has been identified by law enforcement as a major bookmaker since at least 1978 and his criminal record dates back to 1959, according to court records.

And Willis has been closely associated with Marino in the past, feuding over two two-men bars between Farmers in West Roxbury and Boston's Best Auto Rental/Boston's Best Auto Wholesalers and Boston's Best Auto Center — which all had addresses on property owned by Marino in Hyde Park.

When state police investigators searched Willis' home in Plymouth, among the 30 items seized was a "typed letter by Vincent Marino, Boston Best Auto Center Inc.," according to the search warrant return.

Reached by telephone at his Florida home, Willis declined comment on the charges pending against him and his relationship with Marino.

Another longtime associate of Marino, Joseph J. "The Captain" Colucci, was charged in ...

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CONNECTED: Joseph Colucci, left, and Richard J. Marino, right, were both involved in a gambling ring allegedly run by Vincent Manika associate Donald A. "Duke" Willis, according to police documents. Richard Marino, Vincent Marino's brother, was also identified in government documents as a Winter Hill Gang operative.

with Marino in 1966 of loan-sharking and on his own for illegal gambling twice in the 1970s, pleaded guilty in May 2000 to gambling charges stemming from his involvement in the ring allegedly run by Willis.

On March 31, 2000, one day before the state police raided his gaming office in West Roxbury, and his home in Roslindale, Colucci was overheard on a police wiretap warning another bookie that there was "heat up the game," a reference to intense law enforcement activity, according to court papers.

Colucci was sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation and fined \$220,000.

Meanwhile, Colucci was identified as a Winter Hill Gang operative in the same 1975 organized crime documents which named Marino. Colucci was listed as an underling of Mickey Griffin, who was another organized crime "sub-control" reporting directly to

were generated by the Suffolk County Investigation and Prosecution Project (SCIPP), a federally funded task force set up in the 1970s to root out organized crime and public corruption.

"Joe Colucci is a known entity in the law enforcement community as a gaming guy," said one former detective who specialized in organized crime in the 1980s and 1990s.

Marino and Colucci also have been business partners. In 1976 they started a franchise business called Natural Pats, which started with one store in Kenmore Square and eventually expanded into other states.

Then, in 1979, Marino financed Colucci's attempted acquisition of a Park Square bar, which was eventually blocked by the Boston Licensing Board because of Colucci's criminal record.

Despite that record, Colucci has fared well of late before city and state licensing boards. On

Marino, also was involved in the Willis gambling ring according to a state police affidavit, but he was not charged.

A government wiretap on the telephone of the ring's day-to-day manager, George Chute, picked up a voice message on March 16, 2000, in which Chute told one of his underlings that he had "paperwork from Richie Marino." Investigators explained that "paperwork" was a term used by members of the organization for besting records.

Richard Marino, 60, who was frequently seen by the Herald in his brother's Roslindale Pub during the last year, also was identified in SCIPP documents in 1975 as an operative in the Winter Hill Gang. Richard Marino and Colucci are currently next-door neighbors in Roslindale.

Richard Marino had at least one business with his brother, Vincent, in Florida called Boston's Best Auto Parts.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/30/2002

To: FBIHQ

Attn: Records Management
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] [Signature]

Drafted By: [redacted] [Signature]

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending)

Title: THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO
WHITE HOUSE (WH)
NAME CHECK REQUEST

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI-HQ is an original and one copy of an LHM.

Synopsis: The Boston Division responds to Bureau EC dated 8/12/02.

Details: The Boston Division contacted AUSA [redacted] Boston, Mass. who recommends that the contents of the opening LHM is suitable for dissemination. Any mention of FGJ material has been removed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: DEADLINE 08/20/2002

Date: 08/12/2002

To: Boston

Attn: Squad C1

From: Records Management
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] SMC/SB

Drafted By: [redacted] DW

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361-5

Title: THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO
WHITE HOUSE (WH)
NAME CHECK REQUEST

Synopsis: The Bureau is in receipt of a name check request from the WH concerning Thomas Michael Menino, born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, SSAN: 023-32-0267, and employed with the City of Boston. Menino is being considered for the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Per instructions from the Attorney General's Office, for the President, these checks are to be handled as soon as received.

Administrative: We are authorized to conduct name checks for

federal executive branch agencies under MAOP, Part 2, Section 9,
9-2.4. 08/12/2002

Details: Boston is directed to its case 194B-BS-90361 where Menino appears to be one of the subjects. As this investigation is pending, contact the U.S. Attorney for dissemination guidance from a prosecutive standpoint concerning Menino. Boston is requested to review its file and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, setting forth pertinent details of the investigation that can be disseminated and the USA's opinion, to the attention of [redacted] National Name Check Program Unit, Room 4973, FBIHQ. (Do not include Grand Jury 6(e) material or Bureau techniques in the LHM.)

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To: Boston From: Records Management
Re: 194B-BS-90361, 08/12/2002

LEAD(s) :

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AT BOSTON, MA

Boston is requested to review its file, contact the USA, and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, by August 20, 2002. The LHM should include identifying data (DPOB, SSAN, and ect.) regarding Menino. **YOU ARE REMINDED WE ARE UNDER A FIVE-DAY DEADLINE.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/17/2002

To: BOSTON

Attn: SAC

From: BOSTON

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 3

Title: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston

[redacted] City of Boston;
[redacted] Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
CSLPO

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Synopsis: Request opening of FGJ subfile and NC subfile.

Details: Writer request the opening of a Federal Grand Jury subfile and also a media subfile for captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/02/2002

To: BOSTON

Attn: SAC

From: BOSTON

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 2

Title: Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[redacted] City of Boston;
[redacted] Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim);
CSLPO
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Synopsis: Request opening of sub files.

Details: It is requested that a Federal Grand Jury subfile (FGJ) and a newspaper clipping subfile (NC) be opened in captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/11/2002

To: FBI-HQ

Attn: PCU-CID

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 194B-BS [redacted]

(Pending) — |

Title: Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

[redacted] City of Boston;
[redacted] Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;
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Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI-HQ is original and one copy of LHM.

Synopsis: New public corruption case opened in Boston Division.

Details: The writer requests that new public corruption case be opened in Boston Division. Enclosed is LHM for review.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, MA 02108
June 11, 2002

Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;
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This case was predicated on a June 11, 2002 Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Thomas Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications' [redacted]. The conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [redacted] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [redacted] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and obtain grand jury testimony of appropriate witnesses. Moreover, the financial records of Sprint as well as the charity will be subpoenaed.

On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated that the case has prosecutive merit. The United States Attorney's Office stated that if the apparent facts are shown to be true the case will be prosecuted.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

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To: FBI-HQ

Attn: PCU-CID

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] pac [initials]

Case ID #: 194B-BS-NEW (Pending)

Title: Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[redacted] City of Boston;
[redacted] Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;
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Details: The writer requests that new public corruption case be opened in Boston Division. Enclosed is LHM for review.

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